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SUBJ: TRAVEL REFUSAL: MURMANSK

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- 1. MFA PROTOCOL DIVISION (VACHNADZE) CALLED APRIL 17 TO SAY THAT FLAM TRAVEL TO MURMANSK WOULD HAVE TO BE BY TRAIN. NEUBERT/SHEEHAN TRAVEL, HE SAID, SHOULD BE REGISTERED IN LENINGRAD. WHEN EMBASSY TRAVEL OFFICER MENTIONED THAT THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN ATTEMPTED, VACHNADZE MADE CLEAR THAT POINT WAS THAT NEUBERT/SHEEHAN, LIKE FLAM, COULD GO BY TRAIN BUT NOT RPT NOT BY PLANE.
- 2. EMBOFF ASKED VACHNADZE TO REMIND HIS AUTHORITIES THAT THIS TRAVEL INVOLVED MATTER OF BILATERAL INTEREST CONNECTED WITH V-E DAY OGONEK ARTICLE AND THAT THIS TRAVEL ALTERATION WOULD PROBABLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR CONSUL GENERAL TO TRAVEL IN VIEW OF TIME INVOLVED IN TRAIN TRIPS. EMBOFF ALSO MENTIONED LIBERAL TREATMENT OF ZINCHUK IN SAN FRANCISCO ON TRAVL QUESTIONS. VACHNADZE WAS NOT RPT NOT SWAYED, BUT NOTED THAT MFA HAD ALSO BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIBERAL RECENTLY ON EXCEPTIONS TO 48- AND 24-HOUR

RULES (WHICH IS TRUE).

- 3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT FIND SUITABLE OCCASION TO DEAL RECIPROCALLY WITH CG ZINCHUK AND OTHER CORRESPONDING SOVIET DIPLOMATS.
- 4. VACHNADZE CALLED AGAIN AT COB TO SAY THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED SINCE HIS LAST CALL AND THAT "FOR TEMPORARY REASONS" THERE IS NOW AN INTERRUPTION (PERERYV) IN TRAIN TRAFFIC TO MURMANSK. IN SHORT, DIPLOMATS CANNOT REACH MURMANSK. STOESSEL

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